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COMMENTS ON GOA STUDY RE CONFERENCES AND COUNCILS

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THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT THE COMPOSITE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCES / SHIPPING COUNCILS COULD BE IMPROVED. POSSIBLE THE GOA STUDY WILL PROVIDE THE IMPETUS FOR SOME IMPROVEMENTS WHETHER GOVERNMENT OR INDUSTRY SANCTIONED. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE CONFERENCE LINES TRADING BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE WEST COAST OF THE U.S. ARE WORKING ON A NEW SCHEDULE OF LOWER FREIGHT RATES. THIS INITIATIVE BY THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE STRONG COMPETITION FROM NON-CONFERENCE LINES. WHILE THIS WILL PLEASE THE SHIPPERS COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL ITSELF SHOULD INCREASINGLY MOVE TO UNDERTAKE A POSITIVE DIALOGUE WITH CONFERENCE ON AFFORDING SHIPPING RATES THAT WILL ALLOW AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS TO EFFECTIVELY COMPETE IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THE NON-TRADITIONAL EXPORTS THAT ARE NEW TO MARKET.
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